

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Summerford W11576

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State of South Carolina York District: SS

On this 26 day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting William Somerford [sic] a resident of York District, State of South Carolina, aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That I entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated;

That I was born in Kershaw District in the State of South Carolina in the year 1762. That my father moved into York District in the State of South Carolina when I was a boy, that I have no record of my age. That I was living in York District when called into the service of the United States, and has resided there ever since, and resides in the same at this time. That I was drafted and entered the Service of the United States under Captain Jacob Barnett, and Colonel William Hill, and served on Turkey Creek, a Fort then known by the name of Rebels folly. That he served in this trip one month. That I was again drafted and entered the Service, under Captain Jacob Barnett and General Thomas Sumpter [Thomas Sumter], marched to Congaree Fort in South Carolina, where we lay until driven from the Fort by a body of British regulars sent from Camden, retreated to Beleville [sic, Bellville], marched from Beleville to Wrights bluff, near which we had a skirmish with the enemy, Served in this trip one month, That after he returned I enlisted and served with the State troops ten months under Captain Barnett (who had also enlisted) and Colonel Hampton & General Sumter, In this trip served part of the time in the low country in South Carolina, was sent by General Sumpter to join General Wayne's Army near Savannah in Georgia, where I served out the balance of my enlistment, while with Wayne's Army I was commanded by a Captain Moore.

I hereby relinquishes [sic] every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares [sic] that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in Open Court

S/ Wm W Whorter, CCCPls.

S/ William Summerford

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Summerford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ William Summerford".

[Aaron Williams, a clergyman, and Gordon Moore gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina York District: SS

Personal examination of William Somerford made in open court before the Honorable Richard

Gantt a Judge of the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas at York Court House March term 1833

Inter. 1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Kershaw District, State of South Carolina, according to the best of my knowledge, in the year 1762

Inter. 2. Have you any record of your age; and if so, where is it?

Answer. I have no record of my age.

Inter. 3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in York district South Carolina when called into service. I have lived there ever since and resided in the same at this time.

Inter. 4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute; and if a Substitute for whom?

Answer. I was twice drafted, enlisted once in the State troops but was never a substitute

Inter. 5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the General circumstances of your Service?

Answer. I never was with the regular Army, except with General Wayne near Savannah, my own officers were generally Captain Jacob Barnett & General Thomas Sumter, and others referred to in my declaration to which declaration, I would refer for the general circumstances of my service.

Inter. 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it

Answer. I never received any discharge from service.

Inter. 7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer. I can refer to all who know me, but would name in particular Reverend Aaron Williams and Gordon Moore.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court March 26, 1833

S/ Richard Gantt, JP

S/ William Summerford

[fn p. 9: On August 26, 1856 in Monroe County Mississippi, Mrs. Piety Summerford, aged about 66, a resident of Itawamba County Mississippi, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of William Summerford formerly of your District South Carolina and a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in York County State of South Carolina about the year 1811 or 1812; they were married by John L Anderson, JP; her name prior to her marriage was Piety Dabbs [Piety Dobbs?]; That her husband died in York district South Carolina sometime in the year 1844 or 1845.]

[fn p. 53: On October 29, 1856, in Monroe County Mississippi, Abram Summerford made affidavit that he is the son of William Summerford and that his father, William Summerford died on the last day of March 1845 and was buried on the first day of April 1845.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]